

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please *do not* file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Johanna R. Thomas
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 20, 2023 Return: August 22, 2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington D.C. Destination: Aspen, CO Return City: Washington D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Technology Policy Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: I attended two days of keynote addresses and panel discussions on technology and telecommunications regulatory issues.
7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, *including all* attachments and the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; *and*
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: Johanna R. Thomas Date: 8/29/23

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Frank Pallone Jr. Date: 9/8/23
Signature of Supervising Member: Frank Pallone Jr.

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip *within 10 days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Technology Policy Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado

3. Date of Departure: 08/20/2023 Date of Return: 08/22/2023

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): JohannaThomas

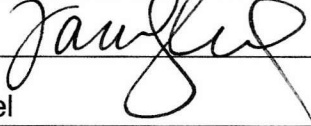
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	755.40	596.50	772.02	
Accompanying Family Member				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 8/27/2023
 Name: Jane Creel Title: Corporate Secretary

Organization: Technology Policy Institute

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 2001 L Street, NW Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: 202-495-7722 Email: jcreel@techpolicyinstitute.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Johanna R. Thomas
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Technology Policy Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Aspen, CO
4. a. Date of Departure: August 20, 2023 Date of Return: August 22, 2023
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.

As a counsel on the Communications & Technology Subcommittee of E&C, I help facilitate the Committee's work as it relates to matters addressing our nation's radio waves (spectrum),

wireless technology, and tech accountability. Because spectrum and wireless technology are driving so many of today's innovative efforts, attending this trip will inform my understanding of how our current

9. Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in legislative efforts and proposals are impacting technological innovation in this country and abroad.
planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: Frank Pallone Jr.

Date: 7/18/23

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August 11, 2023

Ms. Johanna Thomas
Committee on Energy & Commerce
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Aspen, Colorado, scheduled for August 20 to 22, 2023, sponsored by Technology Policy Institute.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
Technology Policy Institute
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
Attachment A
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: August 20, 2023 Date of return: August 22, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Aspen, CO
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
 The Technology Policy Institute (TPI) is a 501(c)3 research & educational think tank examining the role and economics of emerging and existing technologies. TPI's annual summer Aspen Forum brings together policymakers, academics & industry to explore a myriad of issues related to technology and tech policy. Event is wholly organized and executed by TPI staff.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.
 If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Inn at Aspen City: Aspen, CO Cost Per Night: \$250
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Close in proximity to conference venue, lower rate than the St Regis Aspen host venue
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$601 airfare, \$100 ground transportation and parking	\$500	\$750
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1000 registration fee is complimentary	Fees complimentary to academic & govt participants
For each Accompanying Family Member		

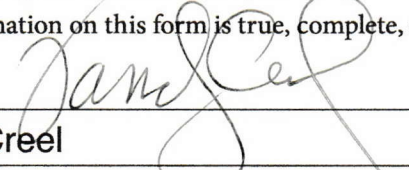
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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 07/10/2023
 Name: Jane Creel Title: Vice President & Corporate Secretary
 Organization: Technology Policy Institute
 Address: 2001 L Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036
 Email: jcreel@techpolicyinstitute.org Telephone: (202) 495-7722

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov



Sunday, August 20th

8:30 am – 2:03 pm Depart Dulles International Airport (8:30 am EDT), United Airlines Flight 2058/5354
Arrive Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm TPI Tech Hub Preview & Early Registration
Astor Ballroom 2

The TPI Tech Hub is designed to provide attendees with an engaging experience that showcases the latest in technology and innovation. While participants grapple with the many difficult policy issues facing tech through our panels, keynotes, and breakout sessions, the Tech Hub is to remind attendees, particularly policymakers, of the amazing nature of tech and the benefits it brings us.

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Welcome Networking Reception
Fountain Courtyard

Scott Wallsten, President & Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Colorado Welcome Remarks
Fountain Courtyard

The Honorable John Hickenlooper, Senator (CO), U.S. Senate (invited)

Monday, August 21st

7:30 am – 9:00 am Breakfast
Prefunction Area

8:00 am – 8:10 am Welcome Remarks
Astor Ballroom 1

Scott Wallsten, President & Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

8:10 am – 8:40 am Keynote Address
Astor Ballroom 1

Matthew Gentzkow, a distinguished economist and leading media and technology expert, will deliver the academic keynote address at TPI Aspen Forum 2023. Matthew Gentzkow is the Edward G. and Nancy S. Jordan Professor of Economics at Stanford University. His research has shed light on the impact of online platforms on news consumption, polarization, and media bias. Gentzkow's work has garnered widespread acclaim and recognition, including the prestigious John Bates Clark Medal in 2014.

Matthew Gentzkow, Professor of Economics, Stanford University

Monday, August 21st continued

8:40 am – 9:30 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion – What are the Major AI Policy Questions?

This panel will examine the most pressing policy issues related to the development and deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) including how to manage the potential benefits and risks of AI in areas like intellectual property, privacy, cybersecurity, labor markets, and national security. The panelists will also explore the ethical and social considerations involved in the use of AI, such as bias and discrimination, transparency and accountability, and the impact on human autonomy and decision-making.

Halie Craig, Senior Advisor, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

Danielle Li, Associate Professor, Sloan School of Management, MIT

Katie Shay, Associate General Counsel and Director, Business & Human Rights, Cisco Systems, Inc.

Hal Varian, Chief Economist, Google

Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

9:30 am – 10:00 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: AI - Separating Hype from Reality

This fireside chat will feature Dr. Oren Etzioni, CEO of the Allen Institute for AI (AI2) from 2014-2022 and Professor of Computer Science at University of Washington since 1991. Shane Greenstein, the Martin Marshall Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School, will lead the discussion.

Oren Etzioni, CEO, Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Shane Greenstein, Martin Marshall Professor of Business Administration. Harvard Business School (moderator)

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am – 11:00 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion – Antitrust & Competition (Is the Neobrandeisian Approach Working?)

This panel will discuss the latest developments in antitrust law and competition policy, including the implications of recent court decisions and agency actions.

Svetlana Gans, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP

John Kwoka, Neal F. Finnegan Distinguished Professor of Economics, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University and former Chief Economist of the FTC (2021-2022)

Carl Shapiro, Distinguished Professor of the Graduate School, Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley

Howard Shelanski, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Thomas Lenard, Senior Fellow & President Emeritus, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

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11:00 am – 11:45 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion – A Four Corners’ View from Capitol Hill

This panel will discuss the fall legislative agenda from the perspective of the leading senior Congressional staff with the “four corners” of House and Senate committees with oversight of tech and telecom policy. The majority and minority lead counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband will discuss topics on broadband investment, Universal Service reform, spectrum reauthorization, and more.

Christianna Barnhart, Senior Counsel, U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee (Majority)

Jennifer Epperson, Chief Counsel, Communications and Technology Subcommittee, U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee (Minority)

Kate O’Connor, Chief Counsel, Communications and Technology Subcommittee, U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee (Majority)

Arielle Roth, Counsel, U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee (Minority)

Brian Sullivan, Anchor of “Last Call” and Senior Correspondent, CNBC (moderator)

11:45 am – 12:30 pm
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: State Attorneys General

This fireside chat will include state attorneys general from different political parties to discuss enforcement actions that the states are pursuing in coalitions on various current matters.

The Honorable Bridget Hill, Attorney General, State of Wyoming

The Honorable Phil Weiser, Attorney General, State of Colorado

Andy Kenney, Public Affairs Reporter, Colorado Public Radio (moderator)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Fountain Courtyard

Courtyard Luncheon Keynote

Laurent Therivel, President and CEO of UScellular, will share his insights on the future of wireless connectivity and its implications at the TPI Aspen Forum. Leveraging his extensive knowledge of the telecommunications sector and the success of USCellular under his leadership, Mr. Therivel will shed light on emerging trends, potential challenges, and innovative solutions in the rapidly evolving digital landscape. His unique perspective is critical for policymakers as they navigate the complex intersections of technology, privacy, security, and inclusivity in our increasingly connected world.

Laurent Therivel, CEO, UScellular

Monday, August 21st continued

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
Fountain Courtyard

Discussion – What Does a Revitalized Transatlantic Partnership Mean for Tech Policy?

The transatlantic relationship has always been complex, particularly with respect to digital and technology policy. New technologies and recent political changes, including the war in Ukraine and threats from China, have further deepened the complexities and importance of the United States – Europe relationship. This panel discussion will explore areas in which the two sides are working harmoniously and deepening digital and tech cooperation as well as areas where they have competing interests and how we might resolve those issues going forward.

Jennifer Bachus, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy, U.S. Department of State
Meredith Broadbent, Senior Adviser, Scholl Chair in International Business, Center for Strategic and International Studies
Peter Brown, Senior Adviser/First Counsellor on Technology Policy, European Parliament
Wolfgang Kopf, Senior Vice President, Group Public and Regulatory Affairs, Deutsche Telekom
Ambassador David Gross, Partner, Wiley LLP (moderator)

2:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Afternoon Break

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Astor Ballroom 2

Networking Reception & Tech Hub Experience

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Concurrent Breakout Session Dinner (Chatham House Rules Apply)

Maroon Bells

Session I – The Spectrum Puzzle: Strategies for Efficient Allocation and Management

This session will focus on topics such as NTIA’s national spectrum strategy, the rollout of CBRS/SAS, mid-band spectrum, the implications of and how to manage a continued lack of FCC spectrum auction authorization, and other spectrum policy issues for the coming year.

Pedro Bustamante, Asst. Teach. Prof., Info. Net. Inst., Carnegie Mellon University
Thomas Hazlett, H.H. Macaulay Endowed Chair in Economics, Clemson University
Scott Imhoff, Senior Vice President, Cambium Networks
Carolyn Kahn, Chief Spectrum Economist, The Mitre Corporation
Evan Kwerel, Senior Spectrum Advisor, Federal Communications Commission
Tom Power, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, CTIA
Edgar Rivas, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper (invited)
Becky Tangren, VP & Assoc. GC, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association
Gregory Rosston, Gordon Cain Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (moderator)

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Astor Ballroom 2C

Session II – Getting a BEAD on Broadband Funding: Status, Successes, Controversies

This panel will examine the current state of broadband funding in the US and the challenges of expanding access to high-speed internet in underserved communities. The panelists will discuss the success stories and controversies surrounding current funding mechanisms, and explore new strategies for promoting investment in broadband infrastructure.

Bryan Darr, Executive Vice President, Government Affairs and Smart Cities, Ookla
Evan Feinman, Director of Broadband Equity, Access, Deployment Program, NTIA
Brandy Reitter, Executive Director, Colorado Broadband Office, Colorado Governor's Office of Information Technology
Christopher Sarabolis, Founder, FluxPhotonics
Katharine Saunders, Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, Verizon
Jay Schwarz, Vice President, Global Public Policy, Comcast
Tom Tyler, Deputy Director for ConnectLA, Louisiana Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity

Pyramid

Session III – Space Cowboys: Key Outer Space Policy Questions

This working group will discuss pressing issues in space policy, including space debris, spectrum, managing potential congestion in low-earth orbit, and questions related to growing interest in mining in space.

Kalpak Gude, Head of Domestic Regulatory Affairs, Project Kuiper at Amazon
Scott Blake Harris, Senior Spectrum Advisor, NTIA
Peter Davidson, Global Vice President, Government Affairs & Policy, Intelsat
Vernita Harris, Director, Spectrum Policy and Programs Directorate Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Jennifer Warren, Vice President, Civil & Regulatory Affairs, Lockheed Martin
Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Astor Ballroom 1

Session IV—Decoding AI: Policy Challenges and Opportunities

This panel will include a discussion of generative AI and the regulatory questions that it raises. Is there a role for Congress and federal agencies in shaping AI regulation? What responsibilities should corporations bear in the age of AI, considering data privacy, bias mitigation, and global competition.

Graham Gilmer, SVP, Artificial Intelligence Practice Group, Booz Allen Hamilton
David Hughes, Founder and Chief Strategist, AI:OK
Victoria Jeffries, Global Head of Competition Policy, Meta
Nathaniel Lovin, Senior Research Associate/Lead Programmer, Technology Policy Institute
Lee Tiedrich, Distinguished Faculty Fellow in Law & Responsible Technology and AI Health; Executive in Residence, Duke University
Suzy Wilson, GC & Assoc. Registrar of Copyrights, US Copyright Office

Tuesday, August 22nd

7:30 am – 9:00 am
Prefunction Area

Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:00 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: Trust & Safety

This fireside chat will include a discussion of trust and safety in online platforms.

Monika Bickert, Head of Global Policy Management, Meta (invited)
Laurie Richardson, Vice President for Trust & Safety, Google
Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

9:00 am – 9:45 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion – Content Moderation: Who Fact-Checks the Fact-Checkers?

This panel will discuss the challenges of how content moderators can decide what misinformation is, who gets to make the final decision about what is and isn't a fact, and what the government should do, if anything, to influence content moderation. The group will also consider the implications of content moderation for free speech and democracy.

Jay Bhattacharya, Professor of Health Policy, Stanford University
Laura Bisesto, Global Head of Policy, Privacy, Compliance and Deputy General Counsel, Nextdoor
Ashkhen Kazaryan, Senior Fellow, Free Speech & Peace, Stand Together
Rebecca Kern, Tech Policy Reporter, Politico (invited)
Julie Owono, Facebook Oversight Board, Executive Director of the Content Policy & Society Lab and Fellow, Stanford University
Jason Willick, Opinion Columnist, The Washington Post (moderator)

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 10:45 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion – Chips, China, and the New Frontier of Industrial Policy

The CHIPS Act heralds a new era in industrial policy. Real national security concerns and human rights abuses necessitate reducing China-dependent supply chains. Yet, beneficiaries of protectionist policies may use such reasoning to further their own goals, even if unrelated to national interests. While a wealth of historical experience in industrial policy exists, current dialogues seem to overlook past lessons. For example, discussions about the CHIPS Act rarely mention Sematech, which, while not a perfect analog to the CHIPS Act, was also intended to promote domestic chip design and manufacturing. This panel aims to untangle these multifaceted issues.

Theresa Fallon, Founder and Dir., Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies, Brussels
Xiaomeng Lu, Director of Geo-Technology Practice, Eurasia Group
Christine McDaniel, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center
Roger Noll, Professor of Economics Emeritus, Stanford University
Scott Wallsten, President & Sr. Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Tuesday, August 22nd continued

10:45 am – 11:30 am Discussion – Privacy Law, Policy, and Consumer Preferences
Astor Ballroom 1

This panel will discuss recent data privacy policy developments, highlighting the challenges, opportunities, and ongoing debates around federal privacy legislation, data frameworks, and cross-border data transfers on both sides of the Atlantic. The conversation will include a discussion of contrasting approaches by the European Union and the United States and recent announcements in the EU-US Data Privacy Framework.

Jeffrey Prince, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University
Alan Raul, Partner, Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice, Sidley Austin LLP
Kristian Stout, Dir. of Innovation Policy, International Center for Law & Economics
Shane Tews, President, Logan Circle Strategies (moderator)

11:30 am – 11:45 am Break

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Discussion – Streaming Wars: Consolidation and Competition
Astor Ballroom 1

This panel will discuss key questions facing the media business, including whether local broadcasters will survive or follow the fate of local newspapers; the implications of accelerating cord cutting on sports leagues and MVPDs; the implications of increasing prices for streaming TV and fewer new content releases; if the shifting of ad dollars from free digital services like Google and Instagram toward paid subscription-based connected TV platforms have implications for the digital divide and, if so, whether regulators do anything.

Jean Barnard, Dir. of Research and Portfolio Mgr., Kennedy Capital Management
Laura Martin, Senior Analyst, Needham & Company
Alison Sternberg, Senior Vice President Investor Relations, fuboTV
Brian Sullivan, Anchor of “Last Call” & Senior Correspondent, CNBC (moderator)

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Courtyard Luncheon Discussion – The Telecom Regulators
Fountain Courtyard

This panel will bring together telecom regulators from the U.S. and international regions. What are new developments and what is on the regulatory agenda for the coming fall?

Narda Jones, Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Federal Communications Commission
Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel
Bryan Tramont, Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP (moderator)

Tuesday, August 22nd continued

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm
Fountain Courtyard

Discussion – How Will Current Policies Affect Future Broadband Investment

This panel will examine the implications of the tens of billions of dollars in broadband subsidies currently being allocated. Panelists will discuss how these funds, aimed at enhancing connectivity, may shape future network investments and determine the course of subsequent subsidy programs. The panel will offer insights on the balance between short-term advancement and long-term sustainability.

Will Adams, Vice President, Strategic Policy & Planning, T-Mobile
Michelle Carey, Vice President, Charter Communications
Jonathan Chaplin, Managing Partner, New Street Research
Michelle Connolly, Professor of the Practice, Economics Dept., Duke University
Janice Hauge, Professor of Economics, University of North Texas
Scott Wallsten, President and Sr. Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

2:00 pm
Fountain Courtyard

Closing Remarks & Adjourn

1:50 pm

Depart St Regis Aspen Resort via Complimentary Shuttle
Arrive Pitken County Airport, Aspen, Colorado

3:00 pm – 11:18 pm

Depart Aspen, Colorado, United Flight 5505/557
Arrive Dulles International Airport (11:18 pm EDT)

*Program times noted are U.S. Mountain Daylight Saving Time (UTC-06:00) unless otherwise indicated.

Attachment A – U.S. House Private Sponsor Travel Certification
TPI Aspen Forum 2023 – August 20-22, 2023

The TPI Aspen Forum, in its 14th year, is an important venue for policy education for academics, industry representatives, government officials, congressional staff, and media and press. In plenary panels and working groups by Chatham House rule, attendees are able to ask questions and discuss complex and changing policy considerations on a breadth of topics from antitrust, innovation, global competitiveness, spectrum, supply chain, content moderation, digital assets, and economic growth. The discussions in the summer are forward-looking to fall and winter policy agendas, where attendees can learn from each other to be better informed about economic conditions in the U.S. and abroad. The panels are accredited for continuing legal education with supplemental reading materials for attorneys. Our opening keynote speaker has traditionally been an academic economist, sharing remarks on economic conditions to set the tone for the proceeding discussions.

We extended invitations to US House Congressional staff who work on telecom and tech policy matters, including digital asset policy, content moderation, antitrust, telecom, and spectrum policy. We focused on inviting staff from the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and House Judiciary Committee.

<i>Invitations to TPI Aspen Forum from Dr. Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, TPI</i>				
<i>Last, First Name</i>	<i>Attending?</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Chamber</i>	<i>Office</i>
Hone, Lisa	Yes	Chief Counsel	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
Kurth, Tim	Yes	Chief Counsel	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
McQuinn, Alan	Yes	Prof Staff Member	House	House Science Committee
Thomas, Johanna	Yes	Counsel	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
Viau, Evan	Yes	Prof Staff Member	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
Epperson, Jennifer	Virtual panel	Senior Counsel	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
O'Connor, Kate	Virtual panel	Chief Counsel	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
Barlow, Ian	No Response	FTC Detailee	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
David, Ken	No Response	Senior Counsel	House	House Judiciary Committee
Fallon, Lizzy	No Response	Policy Director	House	Rep. Thomas Emmer
Greengrass, David	No Response	Senior Counsel	House	House Judiciary Committee
Hiller, Aaron	No Response	Chief Counsel	House	House Judiciary Committee
Keller, Keenan	No Response	Senior Counsel	House	House Judiciary Committee
Koren, Michael	No Response	Sr Prof Staff Member	House	House Judiciary Committee
Walden, Elliott	No Response	Senior Counsel	House	House Judiciary Committee
Geho, Doug	No	Chief Counsel	House	House Judiciary Committee
Grimm, Tyler	No	Chief Adviser	House	House Judiciary Committee
Hammond, Tom	No	Senior Adviser	House	House Science Committee
Lin, John	No	Senior Counsel	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
McAuliffe, Will	No	Chief Counsel	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
Piazza, John	No	Chief Counsel	House	House Science Committee
Randolph, Blake	No	Counsel	House	House Judiciary Committee
Rico-Johnson, Flynn	No	Deputy Chief of Staff	House	Rep. Doris Matsui
Scurato, Michael	No	FCC Detailee	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
Taggart, Michael	No	Policy Director	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
Tanzer, Teddy	No	Senior Counsel	House	House Energy & Comm. Committee
Wright, Jennie	No	Chief Counsel	House	House Science Committee
Simpson, Jamie	Changed jobs	Chief Counsel	House	House Judiciary Committee
Walsh, Conor	Changed jobs	Legislative Director	House	Rep. Tom Suozzi